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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity
Fee (\$) Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims

Extra Claims

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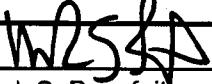
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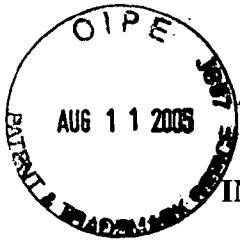
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Applicants: Baumann, et al. Attorney Docket No.: BING-1-1027
 Serial No.: 10/698,592 Group Art Unit: 3723
 Filing Date: October 31, 2003 Examiner: Pending
 Title: CLAMPING APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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